

Sparkling City Hit Five For Double!

Oxford City 5;
Wycombe Wanderers 0.

GIVING their poorest performance at Oxford for many years, Wycombe Wanderers were outpaced, outshot and outfought on Tuesday by a City side which found its best form of the season to complete a rare Isthmian "double" over Wycombe.

Oxford's forwards—who included ex-Wanderer Ray Howson—combined beautifully on a treacherous playing surface and took full advantage of the sloppy covering and hesitancy to clear of the Wycombe defence.

City wingers Bricknell and Woodley, were particularly dangerous against full backs John Beck and Dennis Atkins, who were way below their normal form.

Paul Bates tried desperately hard to get some life out of the lack-lustre Wycombe forwards, but his own appalling finishing was scarcely a help. Little was seen of either Len Worley or Michael Rockell and centre-forward Sheldon Bressington, handicapped by a first-half knee injury, had little chance of eluding pivot Cossingham.

Just to rub in the salt Mick Brown—facing the club he has so recently left—kept left-winger Jack Tomlin very quiet.

The City attack buzzed goalkeeper Ken Brown menacingly in the early stages but missed chances in fierce goalmouth scrimmages. Dave Worley ran upfield to have a good try for Wycombe and then Bates, receiving from Rockell after the City defence had got itself into a tangle, blazed over the crossbar from handshake range.

After 20 minutes Castle raced goalwards to meet a Woodley centre and Atkins, making a great effort to clear, banged the ball into his own net.

Then Bricknell deceived Brown cleverly with his deep floating centre and Woodley angled in goal number two. With the Wycombe defence reeling Woodley broke through unchallenged to make the score 3-0 four minutes later,

Shooting on the turn, Castle scored a fine fourth goal after 61 minutes and Bricknell headed the fifth.